
SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

**PROPOSED SUB A's HAVE BEEN ADDED FOR S-34, S-212, S-458, H-5028, & H-5079
S-983 HAS BEEN ADDED**

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Monday, June 28, 2021
TIME: 5:30 PM
PLACE: Virtual Meeting via WebEx

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [34](#)

BY Miller, Coyne, Cano, Quezada, Murray, Valverde, DiMario, Acosta

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS {LC327/1} (Allows students in public schools to possess and use sunscreen without a physician's note or prescription, if the product is regulated by the FDA for over-the-counter use.)

01/19/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/24/2021 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

06/25/2021 Scheduled for consideration

06/25/2021 Meeting postponed

06/25/2021 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [88](#)

BY Raptakis, Cano, DiMario, Gallo, Lawson, Bell, Paolino, Archambault, McCaffrey, Lombardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RIGHTS AND DUTIES TEACHERS GENERALLY - SEPTEMBER 11 CLASSROOM MOMENT OF SILENCE {LC453/1} (Allows teachers in all grades to provide the opportunity for students to observe a brief moment of silence on every September 11.)

01/26/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

04/09/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/14/2021 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

06/25/2021 Scheduled for consideration

06/25/2021 Meeting postponed

06/25/2021 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Resolution No. [205](#)

BY Picard, Quezada, Cano, Lawson, Anderson

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- RIGHT TO AN ADEQUATE EDUCATION {LC1057/1} (Amends the constitution to guarantee Rhode Island residents with equal opportunity to receive an education and provide judicial enforcement of this provision.)

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

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04/09/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
04/14/2021 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
06/25/2021 Scheduled for consideration
06/25/2021 Meeting postponed
06/25/2021 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [212](#)

BY Gallo, Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION – REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS (SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97 -- THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT)

{LC1223/1} (Seeks to advance economic development by guaranteeing students the right to enroll in approved career technical educational programs and allows them to enroll outside the district of residence if their district does not offer a duplicate program.)

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Education
02/25/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/03/2021 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
06/25/2021 Scheduled for consideration
06/25/2021 Meeting postponed
06/25/2021 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [458](#)

BY Mack, Bell, Quezada, Acosta, Kallman, Calkin, Anderson, DiMario, Valverde, Lawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- AFRICAN HERITAGE HISTORY EDUCATION {LC2232/1} (Requires implementation of education courses in African American history in elementary and secondary schools in Rhode Island commencing in the 2022-2023 school year.)

03/04/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Education
04/09/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
04/14/2021 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
06/25/2021 Scheduled for consideration
06/25/2021 Meeting postponed
06/25/2021 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [840 SUB A](#)

BY Goldin, Miller, Gallo, Paolino, Kallman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE EDUCATION COMMISSION {LC2049/A/1}

04/23/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Education
05/07/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
05/11/2021 Proposed Substitute
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05/12/2021 Committee recommended indefinite postponement
05/12/2021 Committee recommended Substitute A be held for further study
06/25/2021 Scheduled for consideration
06/25/2021 Meeting postponed
06/25/2021 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [936](#)

BY Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FUNDRAISING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS {LC2924/1} (Allows school committees to budget funds for field trips when creating a school budget.)

05/27/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Education
06/04/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
06/09/2021 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
06/25/2021 Scheduled for consideration
06/25/2021 Meeting postponed
06/25/2021 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5028](#)

BY Newberry, Amore, Carson, Noret, Kislak, Casimiro, Fenton-Fung

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE CIVIC LITERACY ACT {LC524/1} (Requires the implementation of the civic literacy act for all students between the 8th and 12th grades.)

01/15/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.
01/29/2021 Committee transferred to House Education
01/29/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
02/03/2021 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
04/02/2021 Scheduled for consideration
04/07/2021 Committee recommends passage
04/09/2021 Placed on House Calendar
04/15/2021 House read and passed
05/07/2021 Referred to Senate Education
06/25/2021 Scheduled for consideration
06/25/2021 Meeting postponed
06/25/2021 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5079](#)

BY McNamara, Noret, Casimiro, Barros

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FUNDRAISING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS {LC152/1} (Allows a school district to assess or request a voluntary contribution of money from a student or the student's parent or legal guardian to make a donation, in whole or in part, for the cost of district-sponsored field trips, dances, and clubs.)

01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

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02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Education
02/18/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
02/24/2021 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
03/01/2021 Scheduled for consideration
03/03/2021 Committee recommends passage
03/12/2021 Placed on House Calendar
03/16/2021 House read and passed
06/04/2021 Referred to Senate Education
06/25/2021 Scheduled for consideration
06/25/2021 Meeting postponed
06/25/2021 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5164](#)

BY Bennett, Ackerman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS {LC96/1} (Allows students in public schools to possess and use a topical sunscreen product. Children enrolled in grades K-5 would need a note from a parent or guardian in order to possess sunscreen on school property.)

01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.
01/29/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services
01/29/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
02/02/2021 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
02/18/2021 Scheduled for consideration
02/25/2021 Committee recommends passage
03/05/2021 Placed on House Calendar
03/09/2021 House read and passed
03/26/2021 Referred to Senate Education
06/25/2021 Scheduled for consideration
06/25/2021 Meeting postponed
06/25/2021 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5238](#)

BY Diaz, McNamara, Vella-Wilkinson, Slater, Perez, Alzate, Biah, Ajello, Tobon, Batista

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION (SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97 - THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT) {LC940/1} (Creates the "Rhode Island Student Success Act" which would identify those students who are exempt from paying nonresident tuition at public universities, colleges or community colleges.)

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education
02/18/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
02/24/2021 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

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06/04/2021 Scheduled for consideration
06/09/2021 Committee recommends passage
06/11/2021 Placed on House Calendar
06/16/2021 House read and passed
06/21/2021 Referred to Senate Education
06/21/2021 Scheduled for hearing
06/23/2021 Committee heard
06/25/2021 Scheduled for consideration
06/25/2021 Meeting postponed
06/25/2021 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5650 SUB A](#)

BY Kislak, Kazarian, Blazejewski, Biah, Williams, Henries, Knight, Ackerman, Ranglin-Vassell, Ajello

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE EDUCATION COMMISSION {LC1485/A/1}

02/23/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education
03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/10/2021 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
05/07/2021 Scheduled for consideration
05/10/2021 Proposed Substitute
05/10/2021 Proposed Substitute
05/12/2021 Committee recommends passage of Sub A
05/14/2021 Placed on House Calendar
05/18/2021 House passed Sub A
05/20/2021 Referred to Senate Education
06/25/2021 Scheduled for consideration
06/25/2021 Meeting postponed
06/25/2021 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5697 as amended](#)

BY Williams, Hull, Alzate, Barros, Henries, Biah, Abney, Morales, Giraldo, Cassar

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- AFRICAN HERITAGE HISTORY EDUCATION {LC1597/1} (Requires implementation of education courses in African American history in elementary and secondary schools in Rhode Island commencing in the 2022-2023 school year.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education
03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/10/2021 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
05/07/2021 Scheduled for consideration
05/12/2021 Committee recommends passage

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05/14/2021 Placed on House Calendar
05/25/2021 House passed as amended (floor amendment)
06/04/2021 Referred to Senate Education
06/25/2021 Scheduled for consideration
06/25/2021 Meeting postponed
06/25/2021 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5836 SUB A](#)

BY Shanley, McNamara, Shekarchi, Solomon, Bennett, Vella-Wilkinson, Barros, Amore ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS (SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97 -- THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT) {LC1824/A/2}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education
03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/10/2021 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
05/07/2021 Scheduled for consideration
05/12/2021 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
05/14/2021 Scheduled for consideration
05/14/2021 Proposed Substitute
05/18/2021 Committee postponed at request of sponsor
05/21/2021 Scheduled for consideration
05/21/2021 Proposed Substitute
05/21/2021 Proposed Substitute
05/25/2021 Committee recommends passage of Sub A
05/28/2021 Placed on House Calendar
06/03/2021 House passed Sub A
06/04/2021 Referred to Senate Education
06/25/2021 Scheduled for consideration
06/25/2021 Meeting postponed
06/25/2021 Scheduled for consideration

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Resolution No. [983](#)

BY DiMario, Cano

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION AMENDING THE JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A PERMANENT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON CHILD CARE IN RHODE ISLAND {LC3096/1} (This resolution would amend the membership and purpose of said commission, allow for funding with approval, and require review of said membership every two (2) years.)

06/25/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Education
06/25/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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06/25/2021 Meeting postponed

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PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE

Senate Bill No. 34 SUB A

{LC327/A/1}

Senate Bill No. 212 SUB A

{LC1223/A/1}

Senate Bill No. 458 SUB A

{LC2232/A/1}

House Bill No. 5028 SUB A

{LC524/A/1}

House Bill No. 5079 SUB A

{LC152/A/1}

The State House continues to be closed to the public at this time.

This meeting will be streamed live online through Capitol TV

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TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

Written testimony is encouraged and can be submitted to the committee by emailing it to:

slegislation@rilegislature.gov

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 2:00 PM on Monday, June 28, 2021, in order for it to be provided to the members of the committee at the hearing and to be included in the meeting records.

Members of the public can request to provide verbal testimony to the committee through the following link: **[VERBAL TESTIMONY](#)**

***Requests to provide verbal testimony must be submitted by 4:00 PM on Sunday, June 27, 2021.**

Maria Marin

Committee Clerk

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